

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A surgical draping system for an operating table having an end and side edges, comprising:

a bag within which a flexible drape of folded sterilizable material is disposed, the flexible drape adapted to being placed on the operating table prior to a patient being placed on the operating table, the bag and the flexible drape being sufficiently long that they extend beyond the side edges of the operating table;

a top drape for placement on selected portions of the patient, the top drape including adhesive for attaching the top drape to the patient; and

wherein, upon opening the bag while the patient is on the operating table, the flexible drape can be extended to cover the end and a portion of the side edges of the operating table.

12. (Currently amended) The surgical draping system of claim 11, wherein the flexible drape is folded with accordion folds.

13. (Currently amended) The surgical draping system of claim 11, wherein the flexible drape has a leading edge, and further comprising a handle connected to, and extending from, the leading edge.

14. (Currently amended) The surgical draping system of claim 11, further comprising adhesive on the flexible drape for securing the flexible drape to the

operating table.

15. (Currently amended) The surgical draping system of claim 11, further comprising a bag having a perforated portion, the flexible drape being disposed within the bag, and at least a portion of the flexible drape being removable from the bag upon opening the perforated portion.

16. (Previously presented) The surgical draping system of claim 15, further comprising adhesive on the bag for securing the bag to the operating table.

17. (Previously presented) The surgical draping system of claim 11, further comprising at least one legging for placement over an extremity of the patient.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A method of isolating a patient from an operating table in surgical procedures using a surgical draping system, the method comprising:

providing a bag;

providing a ~~folded~~ flexible surgical drape;

folding the flexible surgical drape;

placing the folded flexible surgical drape in the bag;

placing the bag and the folded flexible surgical drape on the operating table;

placing the patient on the bag and the folded flexible surgical drape;

opening the bag; and

~~extending~~ unfolding the folded flexible surgical drape to isolate the patient from the operating table.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

providing adhesive for the flexible surgical drape; and
attaching the unfolded flexible surgical drape to the operating table by use of the adhesive.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

providing adhesive for the bag; and
attaching the bag to the operating table by use of the adhesive.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

providing at least one legging; and
covering an extremity of the patient with the legging.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

providing a top drape for placement on selected portions of the patient;
providing adhesive for the top drape; and
attaching the top drape to the patient by use of the adhesive.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

sterilizing the flexible surgical drape prior to the step of placing the folded flexible surgical drape in the bag; and

sealing the bag after the sterilized [[bag]] folded flexible surgical drape has been placed therein.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the operating table has side edges, and the bag and the unfolded flexible surgical drape extend beyond the side edges.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the operating table also has an end, and the step of ~~extending~~ unfolding the folded flexible surgical drape causes the end and the side edges of the operating table to be covered.

28. (Currently amended) The surgical draping system of claim 11, wherein the folded flexible surgical drape is in a sterilized condition while in the bag and the bag has not been opened.